

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 11, 2007.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair)

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

God of Goodness and Wisdom, we depend upon You and Your assistance in our daily task of addressing correctly and courageously the human and spiritual needs and concerns of constituents. Teach us to reach out with our hands and hearts to all the members of our communities from the youngest child to the oldest adult. On Monday, we will observe a national holiday honoring Martin Luther King, Jr., an ordained clergyman and a great civil rights leader. Help us to continue promoting his goals, ideals and spirit in recognizing and respecting the personal dignity and the rights of all people whom You have created.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, to the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Committee Appointment.

Ways and
Means,
appointment.

A communication from Representative Jones of North Reading, Minority Leader of the House, appointing, under House Rule 18A, Representative Viriato Manuel deMacedo of Plymouth to serve as the ranking member of the minority party on the House committee on Ways and Means, was placed on file.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

William C.
McDonough.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable) congratulating William M. McDonough on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and

Jo-Ann
Reynolds.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. LeDuc of Marlborough) congratulating Jo-Ann Reynolds on her retirement;

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Smith of Everett, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Paper from the Senate.

The following notices were received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2007.

December 7, 2006.

Honorable Salvatore F. DiMasi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Room 356 State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to inform you of the following appointments in the Senate:

The Republican Caucus of the Senate announced the election on January 2, 2007, of the Honorable Richard R. Tisei of Middlesex and Essex as Senate Minority Leader for the 2007-2008 Legislative Session.

Senate
appointments.

The Honorable Richard R. Tisei, Minority Leader of the Senate, announced the following leadership appointments:

Assistant Minority Leader — Bruce E. Tarr of Essex and Middlesex
Minority Whip — Robert L. Hedlund of Plymouth and Norfolk

Assistant Minority Whip — Scott P. Brown of Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex

Ranking Member — Senate Ways and Means Committee — Michael R. Knapik of Hampden and Hampshire

The Honorable Robert E. Travaglini, President of the Senate, announced his appointments to the Special Commission established (pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter 2 of the Resolves of 2006) relative to ending homelessness in the Commonwealth, effective January 3, 2007.

Appointed to the special commission were the following members:

Senator Brian A. Joyce of Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth;

Senator Karen E. Spilka of Middlesex and Norfolk;

Senator Steven A. Tolman of Suffolk and Middlesex; and

Senator Susan C. Tucker of Essex and Middlesex; and

The Clerk of the Senate has appointed Michael D. Hurley of South Boston as Assistant Clerk of the Senate and Stacey N. Ostiguy of Quincy as the Second Assistant Clerk of the Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. WELCH,
Clerk of the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Sandlin of Agawam (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.